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3M™ Fall Protection launches Trade-In, Trade-Up program



To help safety managers stay ahead of the curve with their safety equipment, 3M Fall Protection has launched the 3M Fall Protection Trade-in, Trade-up program. (Courtesy: 3M)

For safety professionals, keeping workers safe means providing them with effective, dependable equipment while staying compliant with changing safety standards and regulations. For workers at height, 3M™ Fall Protection designs safety equipment to meet the strictest industry standards, as is the case with its DBI-SALA® and Protecta® fall protection products. To help safety managers stay ahead of the curve with their safety equipment, 3M Fall Protection has launched the 3M Fall Protection Trade-in, Trade-up program. Workers and safety managers can trade-in qualifying fall protection equipment and trade-up for more than 170 products from the 3M Fall Protection line as well as receive cash rebates.

“No matter the current standard or safety requirement, workers must be free to start every work day with the peace of mind that comes from knowing they are protected with top-of-the-line equipment designed for their safety and comfort,” said Andrew P. Johnson, marketing manager for U.S. 3M Fall Protection. “The Trade-in, Trade-up program was created to help make the most current safety equipment even more accessible to work-

ers. We want everyone to benefit from equipment that brings the latest safety technology to workers at height.”

To participate, workers and safety managers start by identifying fall protection products they want to trade in or trade up, pick their new 3M Fall Protection products offered within the program, place an order with a 3M authorized distributor, and register their purchase at go.3M.com/FPtradein to initiate the rebate.

“For safety managers, a key incentive to participating is the option to trade in any brand of lanyard with non-3,600 pound gated hooks for 3M’s ANSI-rated 3,600 pound gated hooks,” said Ray Mann, technical services for 3M Fall Protection. “In January of this year, OSHA released a new regulation requiring gated hooks and carabiners to be proof tested to 3,600 pounds in all directions (1910.140(c)(8)). 3M Fall Protection snap hooks and carabiners comply with the requirements of this new OSHA regulation.” ↵

Source: 3M

For more information, go to go.3M.com/FPtradein.

Two-year crew transfer vessel extension announced on offshore project

CWind, a leading provider of services to the offshore wind industry, recently announced that Dong Energy, one of the key energy groups in Northern Europe, has granted CWind a two-year extension to its existing three-year crew transfer vessel contract at the West of Duddon Sands Offshore Wind Farm in the Irish Sea.

CWind, the offshore power-focused business of Global Marine Group (GMG), will provide vessels for Operations & Maintenance (O&M) to the 108-turbine West of Duddon Sands site, including a summer campaign to ensure the site remains operating at peak performance throughout the busier summer months. The contract extension builds on CWind's solid track record over the first three years of the project.

"This extension to our contract with Dong Energy is a fantastic achievement that reflects the great service we consistently deliver to customers," said Lee Andrews, managing director at CWind. "Winning a contract from a paper-based submission, as we did three years ago, is one thing, but securing an extension demonstrates our actual on-site performance levels and customer satisfaction. We have delivered on service and exceeded expectations in many areas, and we are determined to do the same over the next two years, relying on our can-do attitude and resourceful approach."

"The turbines at West of Duddon Sands, which produce enough clean electricity to power up to 340,000 homes each year, are maintained by hard-working technicians journeying out to sea each day," said Steven Clarke, head of West of Duddon Sands Operations. "The crew vessels CWind have provided over the last three years have had a high utilization factor, and we very much look forward to continuing our work together."

Three of the CWind's 18-strong fleet of crew transfer vessels (CTVs) have been dedicated to the project, comprising a pair of 19-meter resin-infused multi-purpose catamarans (MPCs) and one small water-plane area twin hull (SWATH) vessel. The robust and lightweight composite construction of the CTVs has proved to deliver fuel efficiencies and significant CO2 emission savings.

The MPC19 catamarans use a modular three-section-pod comprising a wheelhouse, accommodation pod, and porch module to provide enhanced deck space options and excellent operational flexibility. The catamarans can handle tasks ranging from passenger transfer, generator management, refuelling, and food deliveries, as well as straightforward accommodation duties.

For technicians who face a tough commute and need to arrive on site ready to work, the SWATH hull form is designed to cut through waves rather than ride over them, dramatically improving transit comfort, even in rough seas. Motions are approximately a quarter of those of conventional catamarans.



A CTV returns from a wind-farm operation. (Courtesy: CWind)

Importantly, CWind's services on site are fully integrated within the whole West of Duddon Sands wind-farm team. Strong relationships built with marine coordinators, site teams, technicians, and other contractors, established over the first three years of this contract, plus the two prior to that with the company's involvement in the site's construction phase, will make for efficient service provision moving forward. ↴

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